Why Teach?/Why Hire Me?

I am at a time in my life where I have the opportunity to change my career, to do something I have chosen. My name is Jeannie Lei and I want to be a teacher. Not just any teacher, but a teacher who is truly passionate about learning and children. As part of the teaching force that is only 2 percent Asian American, it is important for all kinds of children to have a teacher of color. I am a team player, a hard worker and committed to helping children learn. I like getting input and ideas from other teachers. I also I am excited to be learning from students – to continue my own journey, seeking knowledge and growing as a person. Inclusivity is important to me in the classroom. It is important to include all types of learners and learning styles in the classroom and to be aware of them. It is important to appreciate different kinds of intelligence and personalities. Individuals should be valued for them. Flexibility and open communication are essential to all learners. I think it is important children understand the big picture in the scheme of things. They should have big goals and be unafraid to dream. Activities should have structure and rules but learning can be fun and engaging too. I want to be the cool teacher, the teacher you can joke around, doesn’t sweat the small stuff, the teacher that everyone wants for the next year, but I will stress politeness, thoughtfulness to others and hard work as a means to be proud of yourself in my classroom. I will teach my students to be global citizens, to work with each other, to be responsible to themselves, their families and the world.